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SUBJECT: US-USSR HOUSING AGREEMENT: MEETING OF JOINT SECRETARIAT

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- $1. \ \ REQUEST\ EMBASSY\ TRANSMIT\ FOLLOWING\ LETTER\ OF\ AUGUST$
- 2, 1978 TO TERENTIEV OF GOSSTROY:

;MR. OLEG M. TERENTIEV, U.S.S.R. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, U.S.-U.S.S.R. JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION, U.S.S.R. STATE COMMITTEE FOR CONSTRUCTION AFFAIRS, 12 MARX AVENUE, MOSCOW, U.S.S.R. DEAR MR. TERENTIEV:

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SECRETARY HARRIS HAS RECEIVED MR. NOVIKOV'S LETTER OF JUNE 19, 1978. SHE HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HER THANKS FOR HIS COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS AND TO WORK WITH YOU TO ARRANGE THE NECESSARY DETAILS.

A COPY OF OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE MEETINGS THEMSELVES IS ATTACHED. YOU WILL NOTE THAT THIS

AGENDA PROVIDES FOR SLIGHTLY MORE TIME IN WHICH THE LEADERS OF THE VARIOUS WORKING GROUPS CAN DISCUSS

THEIR SPECIFIC PLANS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS THAN WAS AVAILABLE TO US AT EITHER THE FIRST OR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE IOINT COMMITTEE

ALSO, THE REPORTS OF THE DEPUTY CO-CHAIRMEN HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED LATER IN THE PROGRAM, SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE WORKING GROUP CO-CHAIRMEN IN PREPARING THEIR REPORTS. OTHERWISE, THE PROGRAM FOLLOWS VERY CLOSELY THE ONE WHICH WE FOUND SO SUCCESSFUL IN MOSCOW.

I HAVE ALSO ATTACHED A GENERAL OUTLINE OF OUR STUDY TOUR PLANS, ALTHOUGH SOME DETAILS STILL REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT. SINCE TRANSPORTATION TO LAKE PLACID AND HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE IS A PROBLEM, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE LEARN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THE SOVIET DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE MORE THAN TEN PERSONS. THE PROGRAM SHOWN AS AN ALTERNATE IN THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE WOULD BE USED IF YOUR DELEGATION IS LARGER THAN TEN.

I APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING MR. FOMIN'S PRESENCE IN THE FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AND I AM THEREFORE PLEASED TO ACCOMMODATE MY PLANS AND UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE THE JOINT SECRETARIAT MEETING IN MOSCOW AUGUST 21-25. I WILL HEAD THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO THE MEETING OF THE JOINT SECRETARIAT, AND I WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. DOUGLAS R. FREEMAN, INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS SPECIALIST, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, HUD, AND MR. PHILIP E. FOREST, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOUSING--FEDERAL HOUSING COMMISSIONER, HUD, BOTH OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SECRETARIAT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE. WE PLAN TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW AT 6:15 PM ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, ON LUFTHANSA FLIGHT 342, AND DEPART ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 AT 10:05 AM, ON AEROFLOT FLIGHT 255. I TRUST THIS SCHEDULE MEETS WITH YOUR APPROVAL.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA AND STUDY TOUR OUTLINE, AND ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH YOU MIGHT CARE TO DISCUSS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE SUCH THAT THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL PROVE A SUCCESSFUL OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER OUR JOINT COOPERATION UNDER THE HOUSING AGREEMENT.

SINCERELY, TILA MARIA DE HANCOCK, ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

ATTACHMENT: AGENDA OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: 9:30 AM, INFORMAL MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, REFRESHMENTS. 10:00 AM, OPENING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING BY THE U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN, OPENING REMARKS. 10:10 AM, REMARKS BY THE U.S.S.R. CO-CHAIRMAN. 10:20 AM, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND STUDY TOUR ITINERARY, APPOINTMENT OF THE EDITORIAL GROUP. 10:30 AM, INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS OF DELEGATES WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS. 12:00 NOON, LUNCH. 2:30 PM, REPORTS BY JOINT WORKING GROUPS UNCLASSIFIED

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(REPORTS TO BE PRESENTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER AND TO LAST APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES EACH, ODD-NUMBERED REPORTS WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE U.S. CO-CHAIRMEN AND EVEN-NUMBERED REPORTS BY THE U.S.S.R. CO-CHAIRMEN). 3:00 PM, REFRESHMENTS, MOVIE. 3:30 PM, CONTINUE REPORTS BY JOINT WORKING GROUPS. 4:00 PM, CONSIDERATION AND RESOLUTION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. 5:00 PM, ADJOURNMENT OF FIRST PLENARY SESSION.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: 2:00 PM, OPENING OF THE SECOND PLENARY SESSION BY THE U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN. 2:05 PM, REPORT BY THE U.S. DEPUTY CO-CHAIRMAN. 2:20 PM, REPORT BY THE U.S.S.R. DEPUTY CO-CHAIRMAN. 2:35 PM, DISCUSSION OF THE PROTOCOL DOCUMENTS. 3:30 PM, REFRESHMENTS, MOVIE. 4:00 PM, REMARKS BY THE U.S.S.R. CO-CHAIRMAN. 4:15 PM, REMARKS BY THE U.S. CO-CHAIRMAN. 4:30 PM, SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOL OF THE MEETING. 4:45 PM, ADJOURNMENT OF THE THIRD JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.

### OUTLINE OF STUDY TOUR ACTIVITIES:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: WHILE EDITORIAL GROUP PREPARES MEETING DOCUMENTS, THE BALANCE OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION VISITS ARMSTRONG CORK COMPANY, LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA, DESIGNING AND PRODUCING INTERIOR FINISHING MATERIALS FOR WALLS, CEILINGS, AND FLOORS.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (MORNING): WHILE EDITORIAL GROUP PREPARES MEETING DOCUMENTS, THE BALANCE OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION VISITS METRO CONSTRUCTION SITES AND ACTIVE METRO OPERATIONS IN WASHINGTON D.C., AS WELL AS SELECTED CULTURAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SITES.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: GROUP A TRAVELS TO LAKE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: GROUP A TRAVELS TO LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK AND VISITS 1980 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES CONSTRUCTION SITES. GROUP B VISITS CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS AT BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND LARGE-SCALE CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS IN THE BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR AREA, THEN TRAVELS TO PHILADELPHIA. (IF THE SOVIET DELEGATION IS TEN

PERSONS OR LESS, THE ENTIRE DELEGATION FOLLOWS THE SCHEDULE FOR GROUP A. THE SAME IS TRUE OF ALL DAYS ON WHICH TWO SCHEDULES ARE SHOWN.)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1: GROUP A CONTINUES VISITS TO OLYMPIC CONSTRUCTION SITES, THEN TRAVELS TO HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE. GROUP B VISITS CONSTRUCTION SITES AND ENGAGES IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN PHILADELPHIA.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2: GROUP A TOURS FACILITIES OF COLD REGIONS RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING LABORATORY, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND TRAVELS TO BOSTON. GROUP B VISITS ARCHITECTURAL FIRM AND CONSTRUCTION SITES IN PHILADELPHIA, THEN TRAVELS TO BOSTON.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3: VISIT MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE FACTORY OF SAN-VEL CORPORATION, MANUFACTURING PRECAST, PRESTRESSED CONCRETE PRODUCTS.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4: VISIT OPERATIONAL SOLAR ENERGY INSTALLATION, NEW CONSTRUCTION SITE, AND ARCHITECTURAL RESTORATION SITES, THEN DEPART FOR DETROIT.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5: VISIT ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS, CONSTRUCTION SITES, AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6: CONTINUE VISITS TO ARCHITECTURAL UNCLASSIFIED

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FIRMS, CONSTRUCTION SITES, AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES, THEN TRAVEL TO NEW YORK, VISIT ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7: VISIT ARCHITECTURAL FIRM USING COMPUTERS TO PRODUCE DESIGN DOCUMENTS. AFTERNOON FREE.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8: MORNING FREE, LEAVE FOR MOSCOW.,

2. FOR EMBASSY: SECRETARIAT GROUP WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING ACCESS TO WORKING SPACE AND AT LEAST ONE TYPEWRITER DURING THE SECRETARIAT MEETING. CLERICAL SUPPORT IS NOT REQUIRED, AND SPACE LIMITATIONS AT THE EMBASSY ARE RECOGNIZED. WHATEVER EMBASSY STAFF CAN DO WILL BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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